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# Students, alumna aid in Haiti relief

By Eva Pitts  
NEWS EDITOR

rescue

Just over one month ago the earth shook.

In one of the strongest measured earthquakes ever experienced by modern man, one of the poorest countries in the world has to survive the tragedy of death and destruction as it attempts to repair and already rocked economic infrastructure.

The impact of the disaster has garnered the attention of international media outlets and the effects of the natural disaster have

impacted Americans, including students and alumni of 'Big Blue Country.'

Renaloski Saint-Fleur, a junior business administration and economics finance major from Hollywood, Fla., is a football player who was directly affected by the devastating earthquakes when he learned that 10 out of 14 of his family members in Haiti were unable to be contacted.

"It has truly been a headache for them all," Saint-Fleur said. "They are trying to get the kids green cards so the children will be able to get to America."

Saint-Fleur's last visit to Haiti was in 2004 and 2005 during the Haitian rebellion.

As he and his family resided in a tent, Saint-Fleur says he remembers seeing dead bodies lying in the streets due to the constant wars.

In the aftermath of the earthquake, Saint-Fleur says the conditions are worse than ever and urges his teammates as well as friends to donate not only money, but clothes and shoes to any organizations sponsoring Haiti.

I have donated as much as I can directly to family members I can get in contact with so they can help themselves and others," said Saint-Fleur, "I donated \$1,275."

## Campus orgs donate to relief efforts

Student organizations on campus have done their part to raise money for the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti.

Four active organizations recorded at press time have made donations to help in Haitian relief.

The Student Government Association had a candle light vigil Feb. 9 and plans on re-launching the TSU Cares Program, a foundation that raises money for disasters such as the earthquake in Haiti and New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs Incorporated set out a table in the student center Jan. 20 raising more than \$400.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, Alpha Theta Chapter, hosted a party in the Women's Building Feb. 11 raising more than \$150.

Brothers for Love Achievement Culture and Knowledge, Inc. hosted a Valentines Day comedy show called, "I Hate Love" on Feb. 14 sending all admissions proceeds to the American Red Cross.

Collegiate 100 raised a total of \$500 during the events of their week.

Note: THE METER will keep the campus community updated as more organizations make donations and aid in Haiti relief efforts. •

relief



## TSU alumna takes lead with support program

rebuild

In an effort to do more for Haiti one TSU graduate is making a positive impact by helping on a bigger scale.

Kimberly "Brownie" Vaughn, TSU alumna from the state of Indiana, is working with her non-profit organization, Haitian Environment Support Program (HESP) to allocate the funds such as clothes, food and educational opportunities to their field director in Haiti.

HESP is raising monetary funds to multiply their efforts to support more children so they can live healthy and productive lives in hopes for the new generation to empower, engage and enlighten the country.

"I have been involved since my father and three friends established HESP in 1981," Vaughn said, "Haiti is very dear to my heart and I will continue to seek God to work hard and use my resources to be a blessing to Haiti."

Several of Vaughn's family members have passed due to the earthquake, including

her aunt, aunt-in-law and a few cousins.

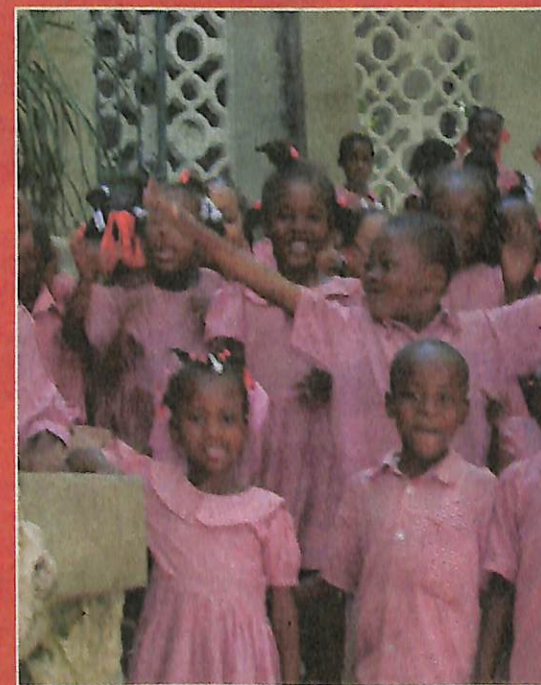
Vaughn's communication to Haiti comes from her uncle, who updates her on the climate of Cap-Haitien (northern Haiti).

"Many refugees have been dispersed and relocated throughout Haiti and are continually suffering by having to fight for physical strength, food, shelter and employment," Vaughn said.

Currently, Vaughn is involved in an upcoming benefit concert on Feb. 19 at 154 2nd Ave North featuring Nashville artists Jonathon Winstead, Ya Ya and more.

Vaughn guarantees all proceeds will go to Haiti and urges students to attend as well as donating online and/or volunteering for projects and fundraisers on [www.hespchildren.org](http://www.hespchildren.org).

"By working with HESP, I am planning to continue serving as a visionary," Vaughn said, "I truly believe that I am blessed to be blessed and I'm on a mission to serve." •





# Luge accident results in Olympics fatality

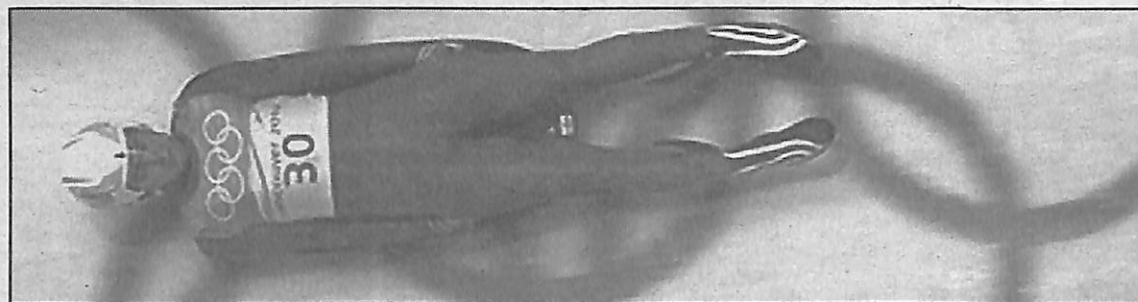


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Georgia Olympic luger Nodar Kumaritashvili was killed in a fatal accident during a practice run at the Winter Games in Vancouver.

An Olympic training session ended Friday in an unfortunate death of a Luge slider from Georgia. In British Columbia, the Ceremony of the Winter Games were to have taken place shortly after the incident.

Nearing the end of the course, Nodar Kumaritashvili, 21, was thrust off the track. Statements from International Olympic Committee revealed an investigation is underway.

Safety precautions are have said to be amended pending on the investigations outcome.

## Shooting claims three lives at north Alabama university

University of Alabama-Huntsville officials have claimed three people were seriously wounded and three faculty members were shot to death

at the Huntsville university, Feb. 12, at a biology faculty meeting.

Officials reported the shooting began after the professor learned she was being denied tenure. Amy Bishop, the Harvard alum was identified as the suspect.

## Chaos erupts in Haiti

The *New York Times* reported that weeks after the epic earthquakes, Haiti is experiencing difficulty in the spread of goods donated from various parts of the country.

As the need for food and shelter increases, the less organized the city of Port-Au-Prince becomes.

Volunteers from various organizations are working to

help with the frantic state of the country.

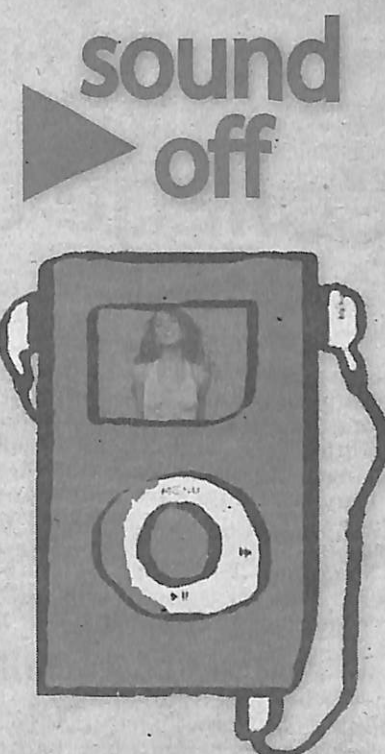
## Ex-Corruption Chief in Indonesia Sentenced in Murder Plot

On Thursday, Feb. 11 an Indonesian court found their former czar and three other men guilty of plotting the murder of a prominent business executive.

The defendant, Antasari Azhar, 56, was sentenced 18 years in prison. The team in his defense claimed the charges were due to retaliation for previous investigations.

This trial in Jakarta, Indonesia, has marked a year in which corrupt activity has overtaken their country.

Compiled by Carmen Williams\*



Check out THE METER's Love & Sex soundtrack. Each song relates a different Love & Sex-themed articles or content.

# THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS - EVENTS CALENDAR

## MONDAY

29° 23°  
HI LO

S.I.F.E. Week  
Urbanashville.com Week

Town Hall Meeting  
FPCC Rm. 210  
5 p.m.

Women's B-ball Game  
Gentry Center Complex  
5:30 p.m.

Men's B-ball Game  
Gentry Center Complex  
10 p.m.

## TUESDAY

33° 26°  
HI LO

## Women Waiting Seminar

FPCC Rm. 210  
12 Noon

Gospel Concert  
Poag Auditorium  
7 p.m.

SGA Meeting  
FPCC Rm. 302  
7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

38° 22°  
HI LO

TSU Movie Highlights  
FPCC Rm. 210  
7 p.m.

Student Midday Activities  
FPCC Courtyard  
12 Noon

## THURSDAY

43° 29°  
HI LO

4th annual Student  
Leadership Conference  
FPCC Rooms  
Poag Auditorium  
Schedule TBA

Kidney Donation Seminar  
Ford Community Center  
6 p.m.

## FRIDAY

45° 29°  
HI LO

4th annual Student Leadership  
Conference  
FPCC Rooms  
Poag Auditorium

Schedule TBA

Spoken Word  
LRC Auditorium  
6 p.m.

Movie: Rosa Parks  
FPCC Rm. 219  
8 p.m.

## SATURDAY

45° 32°  
HI LO

Women's B-ball Game  
Gentry Center Complex  
3 p.m.

Drum & Dance Class  
Kean Hall Rm. 040  
6 & 7:30 p.m.



# What We Think College doesn't equal marriage

The season of love has come to an end, that time that makes us embrace the slightest flicker of romance and despise all love lost.

College seems to be the arena for one-night stands, short "talking" expeditions and meaningless exchanges of contact information.

It makes things such as real love in college seem unreal. Then again, what is real love?

Some say it is when a significant others needs are priority. While others describe real love as a Huxtable type love.

We know all too well that love comes with trials and it seems that nobody really knows what it is.

Everyone on campus has their own remedy for love's ailments.

Whatever your personal definition, be careful of loving too fast or confusing that love with lust.

Although we all consider ourselves grown, we are actually young and have time to find "the one."

Our main goal for coming to college should be to get our degree, B.S not MRS.

So while having a boo in college may be fun, do not get caught up and lose focus.

The years in college allow for a selfish lifestyle, realizing ones true self and simply enjoying the time we have while here.

There is nothing wrong with being single and satisfied and exploring options.

But, there is a difference in exploring ones options in friendly relationships and being promiscuous.

Since TSU is somewhat small and family oriented, everyone knows everyone and their business.

Be careful of the company you

keep and those you choose to explore with.

However, if you are one of the lucky ones who have found their significant other and are happy congrats.

When it is right love can be great. There is nothing wrong in being in a healthy happy relationship.

Also, remember that college also lends itself to be a time to foster friendships. Many times best friends and close bonds are made in college.

We at THE METER encourage students to engage in nurturing relationships that will help to develop each individual in that relationship.

Whether you choose to be in a relationship or single, enjoy college because it is short, relationships come and go and friends may fail you.

Just remain grounded and patient. Good things come to those who wait.

## Be cautious of undergrad relations



**Miji  
Pearce**  
STAFF  
COLUMNIST

### GIRL TALK

I can not recall the numerous conversations I have had while attending TSU regarding the relations between men and women.

So many ladies want relationships; while guys want relation-sex.

This article is neither to agree nor disagree with the notion that few relationships survive the constraints of the TSU whirlwind, but to rather explore the idea of why this is more factual than false.

Last semester I had the pleasure of befriending a young lady who was involved with a popular young TSU man. Although the young lady desperately wanted a relationship, what she got was relation-sex.

Towards the culmination of their involvement, the young lady attempted to request a relationship from the young man only to be rejected.

The illustrated scenario paints a photograph of the majority of relationships/sex that I have become familiar with at TSU.

Even my own relationship, which is has now evolved into an engagement, began as a relation-sex. Actually, all of my relationships began that way.

I, like many TSU women, honestly believed that sex is all that I had to offer. Therefore, that is all men ever expected from me; thus resulting in failed relation-sexes, not relationships.

Who is to say that if we ladies pursue relationships vs. relation-sexes,

we may end up with more luck.

With Valentine's Day come and gone, so many ladies will go out on the prowl to fill healthy relationship voids with temporary, disappointing, short-lasting relation-sex. I urge ladies to force yourself to know the difference.

I, Q. Miji, am not here to judge you. If you are cool with relation-sex, be my guest. However, more times than not, ladies have severe emotional ramifications because of relation-sex; that much is normal.

Whether you choose relationships or relation-sex, be careful and be conscious of which you choose. Until next time, follow me on twitter @QMIJIsPR and Facebook.com/QMIJIsPR.

*"Many ladies want relationships,  
while guys want relation-sex."*

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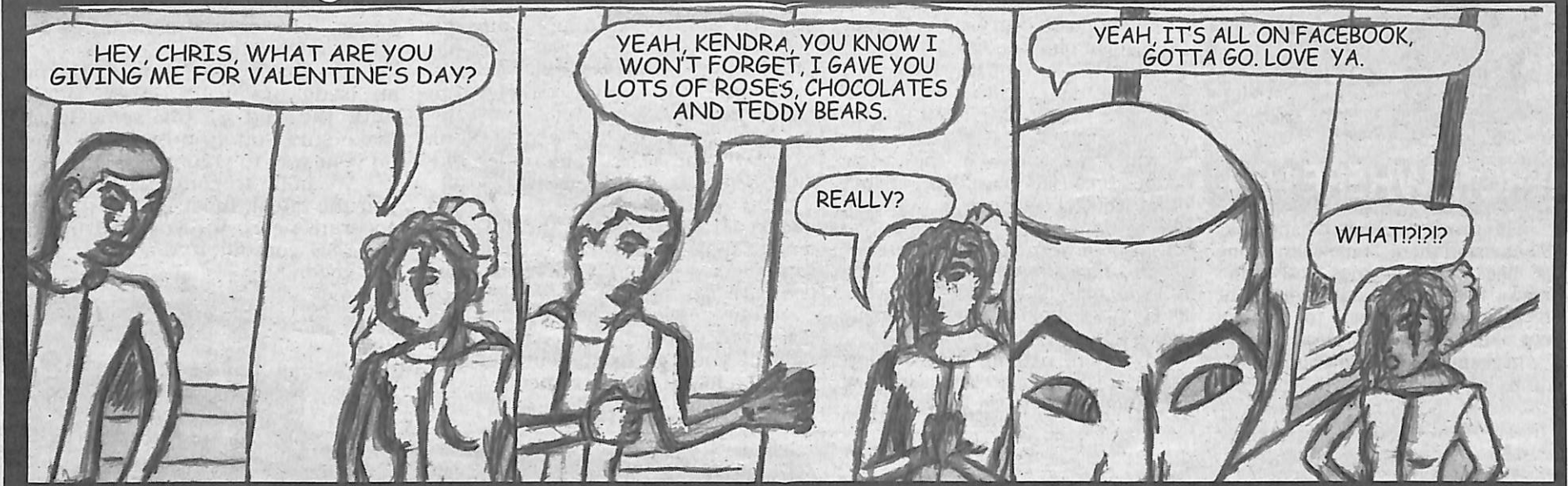
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# The Meter returns better than ever



**Danielle Berkley**  
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## FROM WHERE I SIT

Things never seem to happen as you envision them. Somewhere along the lines reality comes and either knocks the "vision" out completely, or somehow manages to redirect your path despite your efforts.

In using this vague analogy I am trying to describe to you, our

readers, where THE METER's been, why we are back, and what is next for the student publication.

Shortly after our last issue Nov. 2, I made the executive decision to halt the printing of THE METER for various reasons.

One, we were having some serious financial issues that were out of our control (as much as we would like to think we are free, clear and uncensored we are not there yet).

But, most importantly, we needed time to reevaluate where we were, and how we could improve internally and externally.

We were battling with a short staff, resignations and internal operation issues to say the least.

I believe sometimes in order to properly analyze your position, you need to take a step back and that essentially is what we did. We took some time to focus on ourselves, to better ourselves.

We had the highest expectations to come back with a bang (much like our *Ousted* issue) on Jan. 25.

But again, reality came and knocked us on face in the form of dollar signs and it took us three weeks to get here; back in your hands.

Nonetheless, as many situations you go through at TSU, either at the fault of yourself or someone else, it was all a learning experience.

We have returned with our

infamous *Love & Sex* issue that turns heads, informs and sometimes even stirs some feathers.

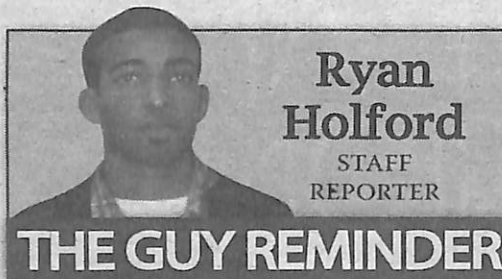
So what's next? You can expect an issue practically every Monday until the end of the semester, so make sure you stop by a newsstand on your way to your 10:20 a.m. class.

We hope to continue to bring to you the latest, most informative and accurate news, for you and by you, the TSU community...at least that's our vision.



"Diary"  
Alicia Keys  
The Diary of Alicia Keys

## Define love for yourself



**Ryan Holford**  
STAFF  
REPORTER

## THE GUY REMINDER

What is love? Or rather yet, what is the definition of love? Some think love is an emotional high to the person they care a great deal about.

Others may spend a great deal of time trying to answer this question or trying to define this word, when really love is staring them right in the face.

Love is no definitive thing, love just is. Ironically love is like time its just there and has been there from the beginning of life.

Some say that there is no such thing as love or that they do not believe in love. Pause. Here is a little logic: there are 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day, 7 days in a week and 52 weeks in a year which totals 524,160 minutes in a year.

Given that the mind of the average person is constantly churning, it does not seem realistic that a person will think of 524,160

different topics within a year.

However, with all of the thoughts and daily journals the mind creates, love is bound to cross a person's mind a couple of times.

As humans, we base our communication with others off of emotions. As long as one is breathing, have a heart and brain they are prone to have a need to feel love at some point in life. So, simply, everyone needs love.

If you are in love, that is a great thing, remind your self everyday when you wake up why it is that you love your significant other, and never take them for granted.

If you consider yourself to be "loveless" or without love then do not give up hope, it is closer than you think.

All in all everyone will experience bumps in the road; break-ups, heart break, cheating, lies and all the stuff that we do not care to deal with.

Break ups are not needed and should never be wanted, work all of your problems out, it gives your love a tight, more appreciative and stronger bond.

So love and do not hate, people do not need hate in their lives for motivation; being loved is all the motivation you should ever need to be successful.



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# Inauguration sets tone for spring

By Eva Pitts  
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association Inauguration, usually observed at the beginning of fall semester after elections, is a ceremony held to formally install the SGA president and vice president, the House of Delegates, SUBG, SEC and royal court in their respective roles on campus.

For the 2009-2010 academic term, the installation occurred in the spring semester following a series of removals and departures within the universities student governing body.

After the SGA President and Vice President completed half the 2009-2010 school term, current SGA President Warren Dean, a senior biology and chemistry major from Nashville, and current VP Sascha Mallicott, a senior speech communications and theatre major from Harvey Ill, were formally installed into their positions during the 2010 SGA Inauguration Sunday, January 24.

Due to the removals of ten SGA positions in fall 2009 semester, eight of which were involuntarily removed due to post certification; the remaining two resigning, the Inauguration was pushed back until the vacant positions were filled.



PHOTO BY MARSHALL LATIMORE

**Student Government Association President Warren Dean and Vice President Sascha Mallicott flanked by the Royal Court and House of Delegates.**

"I do believe SGA has done a great job transitioning and overcoming obstacles in a mature fashion," said President Melvin N. Johnson. "I am very confident based on what I've seen with (their) good platforms that (they) will take the university where it needs to go."

The Inauguration was held in the Floyd Payne Campus Center. Family, friends and administrators watched Dean and Mallicott take their oath of office, promising to perform their positions as served.

Both also had an opportunity to stand amongst the royal court, thanking them and other student leaders.

"(The Inauguration) was really an honoring and humbling experience," Dean said. "It was a reset point for us as (the SGA) administration placing our focus on what really matters."

Aaron McGee, a senior speech communication and theatre major and SGA Representative at-Large from Nashville, congratulated Dean and Mallicott for taking control of

an organization that he said was, "deemed out of order."

McGee gave a specific congratulatory applause to Dean and referred to their relationship as a brotherhood; both helping to push each other both spiritually and professionally. With the relationships he has created with both Dean and Mallicott he says spring semester 2010 should prove promising.

"I am happy and excited," McGee said. "Now leadership is being displayed and the entire SGA embodies the vision of our leaders."

House of Representative, Alexis Moore, a senior Africana studies major from Little Rock, Ark. is also hopeful for the future and ready to work hard with Dean and Mallicott.

Moore described the fall 2009 semester as a "shaky road" after the top university student leadership positions were left vacant, but says she is satisfied with Dean and Mallicott's performance and feels good about the future of the SGA.

"Warren is learning very quickly and we're growing together as a family," Moore said. "(Mallicott and I) are on the same team on student activities, so it's fun and we share a lot of ideas."

Dean and Mallicott are also optimistic and relieved to have

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## Dean has plans for excellence in short time

By Miji Pearse  
STAFF COLUMNIST

The voice of Warren Dean, Student Government Association President, is certain, yet calm as he contentedly reflects on his inauguration ceremony.

While multi-tasking with his Blackberry and desktop, Dean launched into explanation of his daily activities as a student and our SGA President.

"You know how it feels when your inward feelings match the outward expression of those feelings. That's how it felt to me."

It was clear that Dean was a individual whose childhood foundation had become the theme of

his presidency and life; transparency and sincerity.

Dean's mornings begin with daily devotions. He confessed that every morning was not the same, yet and still he attempted to begin each one with prayer.

A general week involved classes, meetings with administration, research at Meharry Medical College, SGA events and working with his father doing construction and contracting.

In addition to his usual weekly activities, Dean is an active member of the American Medical Student Association, M.A.R.C. Scholars Program, TLSamp, Beta Kappa Chi, the Dream Project and Collegiate 100.

Dean laughed when asked

about how the presidential position changed him. He explained that being SGA President has surfaced a life-long procrastination weakness and forced him to practice stronger time management skills.

Although his term is roughly equivalent to one semester, Dean has life-sized plans to close out the year.

He is looking forward to the first Student Appreciation Day, Faculty staff and Administration Appreciation Day and TSU Picnic.

He believes somewhere along the line a disconnect formed between students and faculty staff and Administration, Dean is set on sowing a seed to re-connect and re-build these relationships.



PHOTO BY MARSHALL LATIMORE

**SGA President Warren Dean is congratulated by TSU alumna Charmin Bates at the SGA inauguration.**



## Dean, Mallicott ready to lead, accomplish even more this year

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completed the year 2009 with more experience than before.

"I got some positive feedback to cultivate the tradition (of unity) with my project coming up to unite the whole university," Dean said. "I feel like I had a lot of time to plan properly so we can be effective this semester."

As the new semester begins, both say they will continue their leadership better equipped with bigger ideas.

"2009 was a learning experience as far as learning the house and what the position entailed," Mallicott said. "I'm more equipped (than) from where I started and now there's more people on the bandwagon."

Danny Glover, a senior political science major from Macon, Ga was once skeptical about Mallicott's platform after the vice president was elected in October.

Glover now feels reassured for the leadership positions filled as well as the general order of SGA.

"I feel that Sascha has really proven herself to be a leader in every sense of the word," Glover said. "She was dealt a bad hand, but she played that hand to the best of her ability."

The leadership of Dean and Mallicott have also relieved some freshmen's concerns toward the organization of SGA.

Greg Redholz, a political science major from Las Vegas, said he feels the strong bond within the members of SGA and hopes they move on from incidents of the past semester.

"After the 'ousted situation' (voluntary and involuntary removal of the SGA positions) SGA seemed like it wasn't organized," Redholz said. "Watching the SGA work I've seen that they do get things done unlike what most people believe."

Following the ceremony a reception was held in honor of the Inauguration. Faculty, administration and students gathered in the Faculty dining lounge to celebrate. •

## Esteemed alumnus donates \$6 million gift to TSU

In Nov. 2009, TSU received the largest in-kind contribution in its history from esteemed gospel recording artist Bobby Jones.

Jones gave the university 30 years of recordings, exclusive rights of his performances and television programs valued at \$6 million.

After graduating from TSU Jones went on to host and produce two hit BET shows, *Bobby Jones Gospel* and *Video Gospel*.

Reginald McNeil

### Disney film features 'Dream Girl' as first black princess

Disney debuted its first movie with a black princess nationwide on Dec. 11, ranking #1 its opening weekend.

High profile stars, including Anika Noni Rose, Terrence Howard and Oprah Winfrey lent their voices to the film.

The Disney film raked in \$24 million its opening weekend and has grossed \$101 million as of Feb. 11. Two songs from the soundtrack earned three nominations at the 2009 Academy Awards.

LaToya Pickett

### Blind Side lands Bullock best actress nomination

The sports film was based on a true story. A white well-to-do family takes in a homeless African-American teenager and he eventually becomes an all-American offensive left tackle.

The movie opened Nov. 20, nationwide raking in \$34 million and debuting at #2 at the box office and has grossed \$242,926,000 to date.

LaToya Pickett

### Clueless star succumbs to pneumonia

*Clueless* star Brittany Murphy died on Dec. 20 at 32 due to pneumonia.

Best known for her roles in *8 Mile*, *Uptown Girls* and a recurring role as "Sarah" on *Sister, Sister*, she is survived by her husband Simon Monjack.

LaToya Pickett

### Avatar poised to be named best movie ever

*Avatar*, released into theaters on Dec. 18, tells the story of a paraplegic marine dispatched to the moon Pandora on a unique mission.

While on this mission he becomes torn between following his

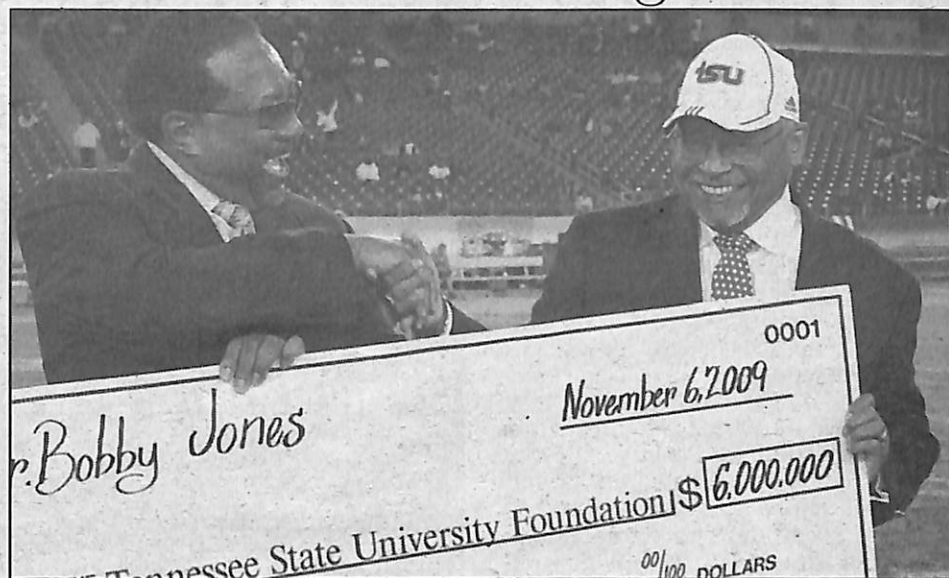


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orders and protecting the world he feels is home.

Only eight weeks since its release, *Avatar* has grossed more than 2.2 billion dollars worldwide.

The movie has also broken *Titanic* records as the highest grossed movie ever. The movie also won Best Motion Picture and Best Director at the 2010 Golden Globes.

Jaida McKie

### Precious charms movie goers

*Precious*, adapted from the novel *Push* by Sapphire, was released Nov. 6 and has grossed more than \$43 million worldwide.



The film depicts the life of main character Precious, who is an overweight, illiterate teen who is pregnant with her second child.

She is invited to enroll in an alternative school in hopes that her life can head in a new direction.

Actress/comedian Monique Imes won Best Supporting Actress at the 2010 Golden Globes for her role as the overbearing, obnoxious and bossy mother of Precious.

The movie has also been nominated for 6 academy awards including Best Actress and Best

Supporting Actress.

Jaida McKie

### Saints Win Super Bowl

The New Orleans Saints won Super Bowl XLIV by defeating the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17, on Feb. 7. Saints' quarterback Drew Brees won the MVP honors for the game.

The game became the Saints' first championship win in franchise history, just four years after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans and the Superdome where the Saints play their home game.

Patrick Comer

### Adefope killer arrested, now awaits sentencing

Metro-Nashville Police detectives officially charged former TSU employee Jarrod Phillips, 23, with the murder of 60-year-old TSU poultry plant supervisor, Nathaniel Adefope.

Adefope had been brutally beaten and stabbed to death in early September. Police were able to match Phillips' DNA with DNA found under Adefope's fingernails.

Phillips had been previously convicted of robbing an East Nashville Dollar General, for which he had been sentenced to four years but had been granted probation.

Danielle Berkley •





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## KEEPING IT REAL

### Reality shows are really pointless

*Social networks only add to the mindless drivel*

Reality shows are becoming increasingly redundant and pointless.

Millions of viewers tune in every week to shows such as *Bad Girls Club*, *Jersey Shore* and *The Real Housewives* to witness staged fights, nervous breakdowns and other unnecessary drama.

Social networks such as Twitter and Facebook become flooded by TSU students at least once a week when these shows air.

After asking several friends and peers why they watch these shows, they all said the same thing. It is merely for entertainment.

These shows have also become the new get-rich-quick scheme.

Reality stars have obtained popularity and fame simply from appearing on these shows.

It just goes to show that random people can gain notability and become "famous" just by appearing on a television series with little to no substance.

Nowadays, everyone wants to be famous and make a quick buck with little to no dedication or meaning behind what they are doing.

What happened to charisma, raw talent and deserved recognition?

These powerful networks have given in to sensationalism and sacrificed quality programming for the sake of the almighty dollar.

But on the other hand, we do contribute to the high ratings by continuously engaging in them from week to week.

## Madea comes to Nashville

By Jaida McKie  
ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

After a five-year hiatus of touring, Tyler Perry will return to the stage with a brand new play, *Madea's Big Happy Family*, scheduled to appear in Nashville Feb 24.

The play will only stop in Nashville for one night at the Municipal Auditorium at 8 p.m. but Perry will continue touring across the country until May.

Perry's last play to go on the road was *Madea Goes to Jail* in 2006, which was converted into a movie last year.

The new play has been in the works for a while, but was put on hold after the death of Perry's mother in December 2009.

Perry based his popular role as the obnoxious grandmother from Atlanta, Ga after his late mother and aunts collectively.

Tickets are available on [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). Dates and venues are subject to change.



Tyler Perry, director and star of *Madea's Big Happy Family* is scheduled to appear in Nashville on Feb. 24.

## West coast artist hits TSU gallery

By Jaida McKie  
ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

TSU's art department hosted an artist talk and reception Thursday Feb. 4 in the Hiram Van Gordon Memorial Gallery located in the Women's Building.

The exhibit, titled *Connected* showcased work from California-based artist, Kamal Al Mansour.

Al Mansour graduated from UCLA in 1981 and had his first solo exhibition in 2005 at La Petite Gallery in Los Angeles.

Al Mansour is also a software engineer and uses varied media from digitally-created images to

material-specific collages.

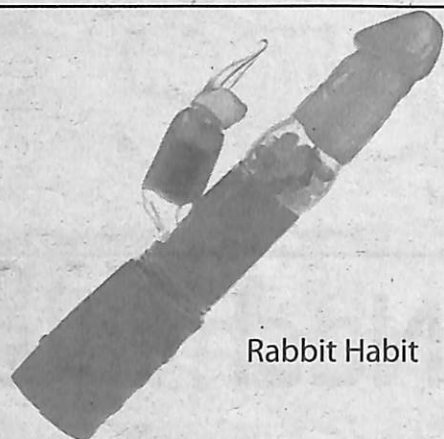
They work together to connect past and contemporary moments.

He expresses himself through the use of art, technology, and black culture.

Students and the public can view Al Mansour's collection at the Hiram Van Gordon Gallery through March 5.







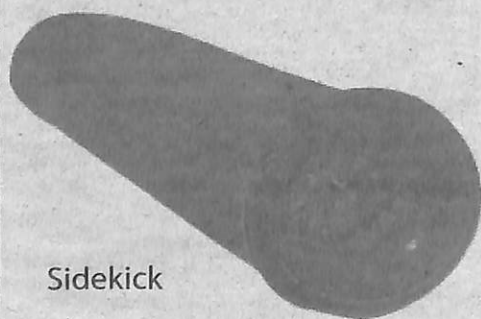
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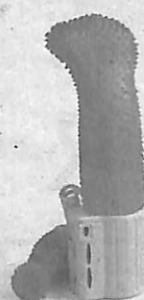
Dolly Dolphin II



Vibrating Penis Ring



Sidekick



## Staff Report

Note: Be advised that THE METER staff is in no way encouraging students to buy, use or experiment with these toys, but merely an outlet to inform.

According to a study conducted by Indiana University and published in *The Journal of Sexual Medicine*, nearly 53 percent of women and half of all men claim to have at least used a vibrator/sex toy.

But, for some the idea of using or buying a sex toy, for either themselves or their partner is no where on your to-do list anytime soon.

Vibrators and other sex toys are making their imprint on the American sex scene among all ages, almost as common as a kitchen's coffee maker or toaster oven.

According to Mypleasure.com the more educated a person is, the more likely they are to at least experiment with a sex toy either alone or with a partner.

What they might do, according to this study, is improve desire, arousal, lubrication and orgasm.

Below is a list of some the most popular sex toys out today that can be used either individually or with a partner.

We have categorized them into toys for females, males and couples.

## FOR FEMALES:

**Water Dancer Clitoral Vibrator**

This mini vibrator is waterproof and great for clitoral orgasms. The strong motor prevents the water from dampening the vibrations.

It is approximately four inches long, battery operated and small enough for travel. Price Range: \$20-\$30.

**Rabbit Habit:**

The Rabbit Habit is a rotating dual vibrator stimulating both the clitoris and vaginal canal. They usually have dual action rotating shafts and pearls that cause

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exciting sensations.

They come in a number of shapes and sizes but the most popular is the Rabbit Habit. It's been featured in *Oprah Magazine*, *Self*, *Glamour*, *Jane* and most notably *Sex in the City*.

These vibrators are all battery operated and generally have different levels of vibrations and rotations.

Price ranges from \$40-\$100.

**Pixie G-spot Vibrator:**

G-spot vibrators resemble traditional ones, but are curved at the tip to stimulate the G-spot.

There are hundreds of different types of g-spot vibrators but the Pixie is 100 percent elastomer, has a curved vibrating tip, and is textured to add sensation. Price range from \$25-\$80.

**Dolly Dolphin II Waterproof Vibrator**

While most all vibrators and sex toys can be manufactured to be waterproof the Dolly Dolphin II is specifically used for underwater pleasure.

The Dolly Dolphin vibrates as well as provides g-spot stimulation.

It is 100 percent silicone, approximately 7 inches long, battery operated and comes in various colors. The Dolly Dolphin is a price ranged from \$60-\$100.

## FOR COUPLES:

**Vibrating Penis Ring:**

The Vibrating Penis Ring is usually made from rubber or silicone and fits tightly around the base of a man's penis.

Here, both partners get stimulated. Men get stronger and longer erections and women are much more likely to achieve an orgasm.

This product comes in various colors and styles its wireless, compact and 100 percent waterproof.

Price Range: \$20-\$50.

Safety note: Make sure the penis is erect before use.

"My All"  
Mariah Carey  
Butterfly**Liquid Silk Lubricant**

If you do not think you or your partner are quite ready for sex toys there are also various types of lubricants available to help make those special moments even more memorable.

Liquid Silk is one of the best-selling lubricants on the market out of the UK.

Liquid Silk is water-based and contains skin conditioners and Vitamin E for an incredibly silky feel.

It does not contain glycerine so this lube is long lasting does not get sticky. This product is available online for a little over \$10.

**O'My Flavored Lubricants**

O'My Flavored Lubricants is a water-based lube, latex compatible, low calorie and sugar-free.

It contains all natural, body safe ingredients including hemp, guarana and ginseng.

No colors are added so it is sheet friendly as well. It comes in various flavors such as cherry, cheesecake and kiwi strawberry. It ranges in price but is usually no more than \$10.

## FOR MEN:

**Sidekick:**

This 100 percent elastomer masturbatory sleeve has nubs on the inside for the ultimate in self-pleasuring.

It is stretchy, flexible and closed at one end, which creates strong suction. It can also be turned inside out for a silky, smooth experience.

This product only comes in blue, but there are other brands that make a similar product. Ranges in price from \$12-\$30.

For other sex  
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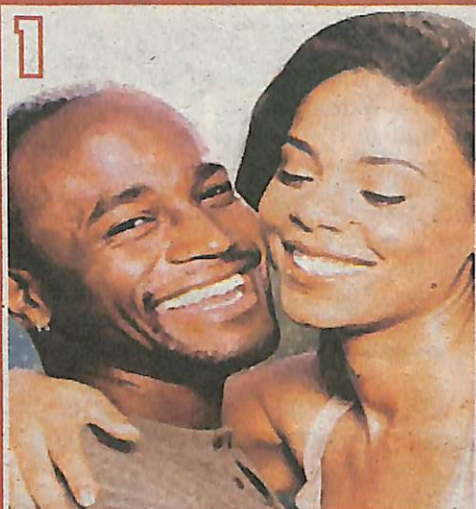
## TOP 10

By Jaida McKie

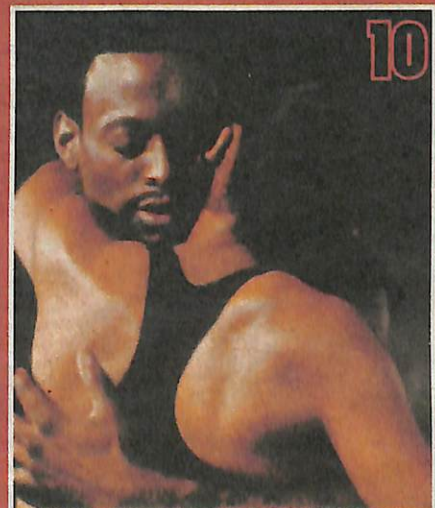
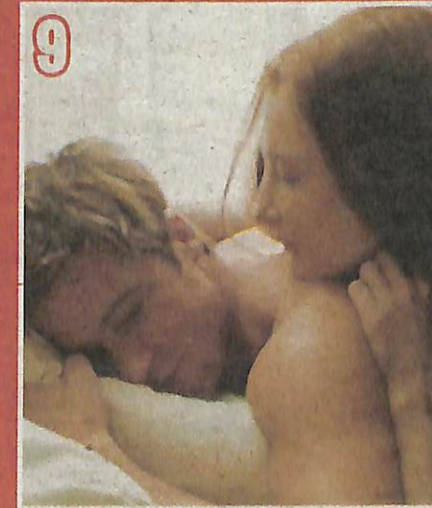
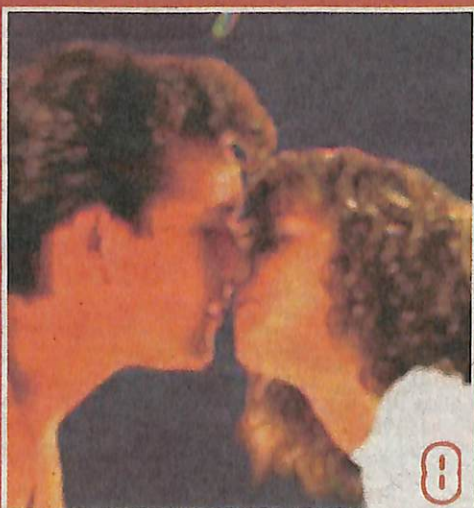
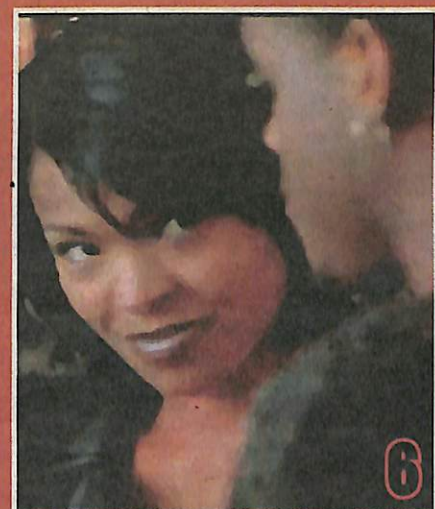
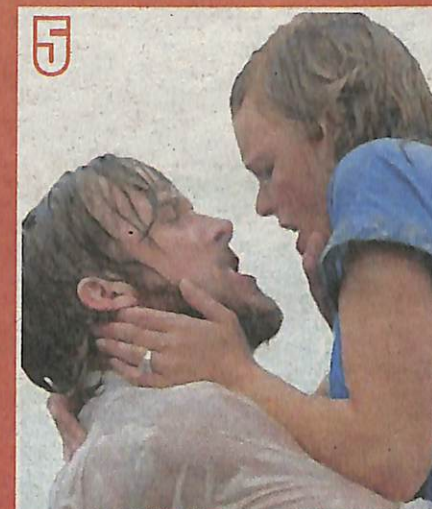
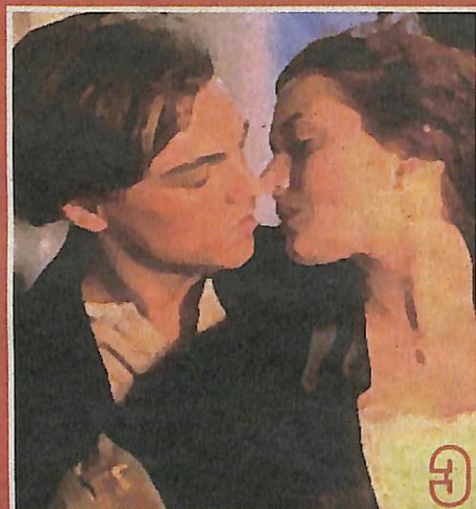
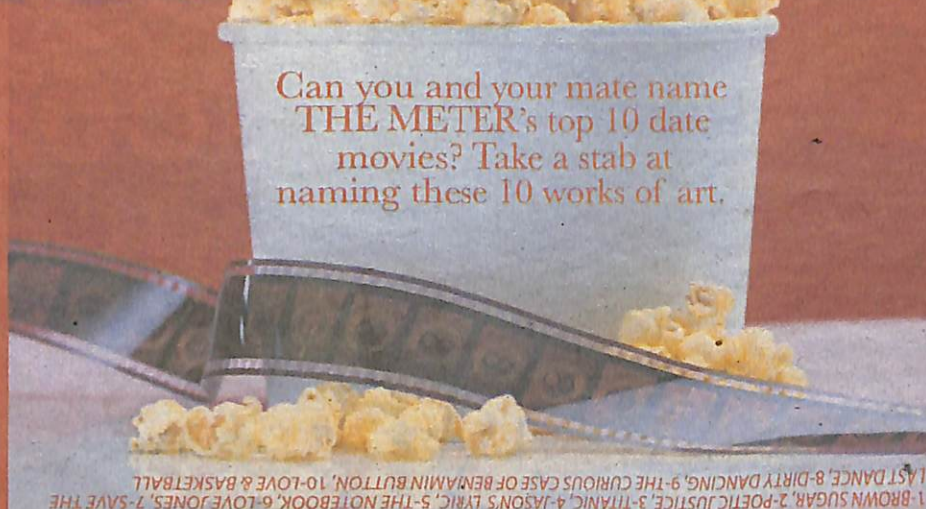
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Life Soundtrack



Can you and your mate name  
THE METER's top 10 date  
movies? Take a stab at  
naming these 10 works of art.





# Legendary soul band returns with sixth LP

***Soldier of Love***  
Sade  
Grade: A-

After a 10-year hiatus following the release of their fifth studio album, *Lover's Rock*, Sade has released *Soldier of Love*.

Sade, which consists of keyboardist Andrew Hale, bassist Paul Spencer Denman, saxophonist/guitarist Stuart Colin Matthewman and Sade Adu on lead vocals.

They say the break is a result of only creating music when they have something to say. The message Sade has this time around is that they are a testimony to how love can be fallible.

With the album's message centering on love's fragility, there are songs with metaphors to showcase how love can cause negativity.

*The Moon and the Sky* tells how Sade refuses to let go of a lover. It represents the potential they may have if that lover would stay in the relationship.

Sade says "The reason why this love, Ain't going to let you go" without a fight to continue that love.

The title track, *Soldier of Love*, is a metaphor of being in a war with love, and Sade is a soldier trying to keep it. Even the beat

has a military feel with the drums and saxophone.

In the war, Sade is losing because former love affairs have caused her hurt, pain, and betrayal.

Her desperation even reaches the point of questioning her faith in love, and thinking about giving up.

By the end of the song, Sade knows she deserves more and will continue to fight.

The metaphors continue in *Morning Bird*. This song is filled with sadness from the piano keys, the guitar strings and the hurt in Sade's voice. The song deals with rejection of love.

In *Long Hard Road*, Sade seems to say they are motivated and focused to stay and deal with love and relationships.

With relationships and love, they are explaining how it is going to be hard to deal, but they are confident that it is going to be alright.

The lyrics show determination to stay in the game of love, despite the rough roads ahead.

**Bottom line:** Sade is a legend. Unlike a lot of artists today, Sade has nothing to prove. *Soldier of Love* is a great addition to the other five classic albums Sade has produced over the past 25 years.

**LaToya Pickett**



"No Ordinary Love"  
Sade  
Love Deluxe



# Joy, pain echo in soulful new Rae release

**The Sea**  
Corinne Bailey Rae  
Grade: A

After a two-year grieving period and four years since her self-titled debut album was released, Corinne Bailey Rae's highly anticipated sophomore album, *The Sea* is in stores.

*The Sea* was co-produced by Rae alongside Steve Chrisanthou, who is also responsible for production on her debut album in 2006.

Dealing with the death of her husband was the focus of many of the songs.

The lead single *I'd Do It All Again* describes how love can bring pain and is bigger than one's pride, but once it is gone, it brings darkness and a void.

While Rae expresses these feelings, she is determined to find love again. Ironically, this song was written after a huge argument with her husband shortly before his death.

Next on the song, *Feels Like the First Time*, it begins with how the death had an impact on her. The reality of her husband's death was unreal, and it had an emotional scar on her.

To keep herself from being overly depressed, she reminisces about the joy of their first time being together.

Although Rae's songs are full of grief, it is evident that she has evolved since her debut in 2006. Rock, jazz, funk and soul are some of the various genres.

There seems to be a pattern in the order of how the tracks are listed. It begins with songs dealing with her loss such as *Diving for Hearts* and *The Sea* and transition to songs like *The Black Lily* and *Paper Doll* which show her growth as a person and artist.

The title track *The Sea* serves as an official farewell to her late husband, she says "goodbye to paradise," referring to the time spent with her husband before his passing.

**Bottom Line:** Corinne Bailey Rae is an artist who is truly experiencing change. She seems to be on a journey where she was searching for love, found love, then lost it but is trying to resurface it all over again.

LaToya Pickett



Yip! Oh!



# (Picture) Perfect Love

Jeff Lipscomb &  
Lashelle Mitchell  
3 years



Brent Davis &  
Khadijah Williams  
1 year



Vernon Walker &  
Mari-Ashly Foy  
2 years

Lance Woods &  
Jenea Graham  
2 years



"Cater 2 You"  
Destiny's Child  
Destiny Fulfilled





## Blaxploitation spoof shows dynamic comedy appeal

**Black Dynamite**  
Grade: A-

Slapstick comedy mixed with the plots of major 1970 blaxploitation films equal *Black Dynamite*, a critically acclaimed homage to one of the most celebrated film movements in the history of cinematography.

Presented during the 2009 Sundance Festival, this indie flick saw limited release in theatres, but will now be on sale on DVD starting Feb. 16.

Micheal Jai White stars as the film protagonist *Black Dynamite*, a former CIA agent who returns to his call to duty after his brother is killed by mafia.

Though an independent film, it is filled with a comedic all-star cast, including Arsenio Hall, Tommy Davidson, Nicole Sullivan and Kym Whitley.

The charm of *Black Dynamite*

is that it provides the perfect balance of respect for the films at which it borrows from and laughs that would make *National Lampoon* smile in approval.

Though common audience members will be able to appreciate most of humor, there are small jokes sprinkled throughout the film that only disciples of the blaxploitation genre will completely understand.

The film has an authentic feel with its stylized look and funk music soundtrack.

**Bottom Line:** Movie watchers who have not seen such films as *Shaft*, *Willie Dynamite*, *Coffy* and *Dolemite* should rent one of these films before viewing to get everything the films has to offer.

*Black Dynamite* laughs rival with the comedic genus of *The Hangover* and this hidden gem should not be missed.

Michael Hart



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# Senior student uses faith to maintain virginity



The search for a fourth year student who has chosen to remain a virgin while at TSU proved to be difficult.

**THE METER** is pleased to feature a senior woman, Acquanetta Donell, a English major and journalism minor from Jackson, Tenn.

Donell practices her faith in God by saving her virginity.

When **THE METER** asked why she chose to stay virtuous she explained herself through the following questions:

**Why have you chosen to stay celibate?**

Because it's the Godly thing to do. It's a sin, in the Bible it says sex was made for man and wife not boyfriend, girlfriend or boo.

**How have your relationships at TSU been without the admissions of sex?**

I think it's going pretty good. I think some guys feel a little down when I tell them, but they have more respect for me.

**Do you have any regrets being celibate?**

No not at all. Of course you get curious because the flesh is weak, but you have to understand it's the Godly thing to do.

I did meet a guy at one point who I thought would have been a good guy, but he didn't stick around so he wasn't the right guy.

**What are you looking for in a relationship?**

I'm focusing on graduation so I don't have time to date. I have not been in a committed relationship at TSU.

**What are your goals in the future and has being celibate helped you?**

I was always told that sex at a young age clouds your mind and because my mind isn't clouded by sex I can move forward to graduation and grad school.

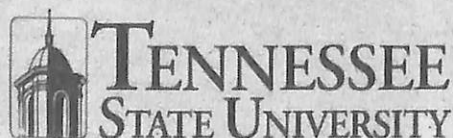


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# Icons leave lasting legacy

By **Nakeva Williams**  
STAFF REPORTER

The world of fashion and music became a little more dismal with the losses of the director and producer of *Ebony* Fashion Fair Eunice Johnson and Mr. *Turn off the Lights* himself, Teddy Pendergrass.

Alabama native, Eunice Johnson, the widow of *Ebony* magazine founder John Johnson died at the age of 93.

According to Yahoo! News, Johnson had been the director and producer of the *Ebony* Fashion Fair since 1961. It is the world's largest traveling fashion show, visiting almost 200 cities.

More than \$55 million have been raised from the event and donated to various charities.

*Ebony*jet.com reported the decision to suspend the 50 year plus event due to the death of

Johnson and have decided to donate two designer garments from the *Ebony* Fashion Fair vault to help the organizations that were expected to receive donations, raise funds.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were also the brains behind Fashion Fair Cosmetics, a make-up and skin care line for women of color.

John Johnson died in 2005 from heart complications.

Daughter of the fashion mogul, Linda Johnson Rice is now the head of the publishing company.

On the other end of the entertainment spectrum, Teddy Pendergrass died at 59 from complications of colon cancer surgery.

Paralyzed from the waist down from a car accident in 1982, the legend was the voice behind *Love TKO*, *Close the Door* and *If You Don't Know Me By Now*.

Pendergrass began his career as a drummer in the group the Cadillacs and later began to sing lead.

During his solo career he was the recipient of various Grammy nominations, the Billboard's 1977 Pop Album New Artist Award and an American Music Award for best R&B performer of 1978.

His funeral was held at his home church, Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church in Philadelphia where Pendergrass was born and raised.

Music artists Melba Moore, Tyrese Gibson, Lyfe Jennings and Musiq performed songs by Pendergrass at the service.

Before his death he was working on a musical documentary of his life called *I Am Who I Am*.

Entertainment pioneers Eunice Johnson (top) and Teddy Pendergrass (bottom) both died earlier this year.



# Students weigh in: *true* love vs. *real* lust

By **LaToya Pickett**  
STAFF REPORTER

There is a thin line between love and lust. That line determines how one person interprets their relations with another.

According to Webster's dictionary, love is defined as a strong affection or liking for someone or something. Lust was defined as excessive sexual desire.

Lust forms from looks and/or status of a person. Lust may come first before love is discovered. Love goes pass how a person looks, but who they are inside.

In college those two feelings could easily get confused, due to fact there are some people who have intentions of using love to get lust.

The relationship difference between love and lust is the emotional level. Lust is more of a physical relationship, where the two people may only have sex.

With love, it deals more with physical, mental and emotional feelings of the two people

involved.

Love in a relationship is more of a commitment, where it takes time to have love and to be in love with a person.

Yet, lust is not always a negative thing especially in college. Sometimes it is best to have relations with a person without emotions.

Nonetheless, love is viewed as something that does not happen much in college. Regardless of the various meanings of the relationship, it is up to the two people involved to decipher what works best for them.

In college, everyone is grown enough to make decisions for themselves. Below is what a few students felt about love vs. lust:

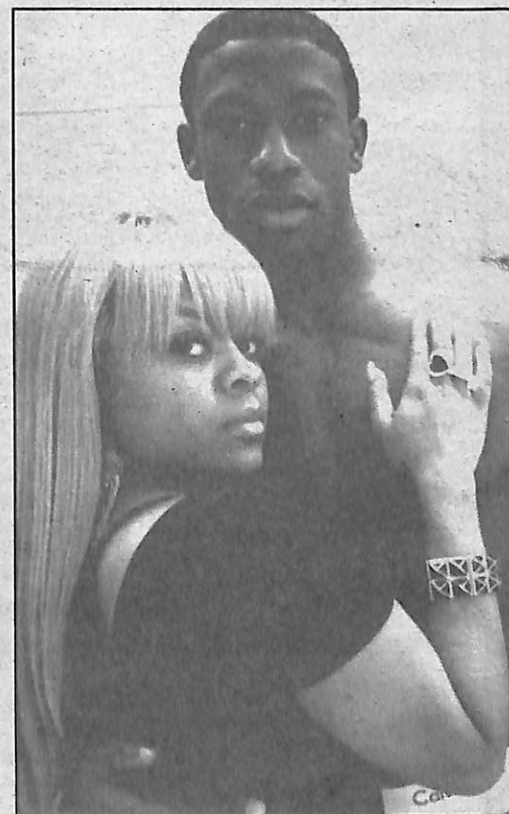
• "My definition of love is a soul's recognition of another soul and lust is to be passionately attracted to the physical and nothing more," said Desiree' Thomas, a junior mass communications major from Memphis.

• "What feels like love to one person may be nothing more

than attraction to another person, student really don't take the time to be focused on one individual and loving that person," said Commolita Williams, sophomore majoring in nursing from Covington, Tenn.

• "I think lust is not always bad because there are plenty relationships in college that are built based on sex, and sometimes that's best because of a lack of commitment," said senior Ryan Jones, from Atlanta, majoring in business administration.

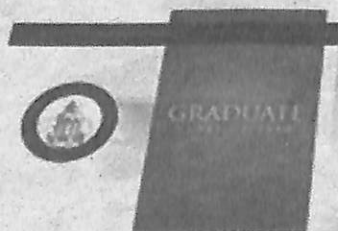
"Love is cherishing a person's mind, body and soul while understanding and accepting their flaws. Lust is wanting somebody sexually," said Quinton Ficklin, a freshman majoring in healthcare administration and planning major Little Rock, Ark.







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## FROM THE PRESS BOX

### GET SEXY FOR SPRING BREAK

With Spring break just around the corner, and Valentines Day just leaving, its time to, as Bubba Sparks would say "get it right and get it tight."

Many may find that the same old routine of going to the gym is overrated and sometimes people do not find the results they are looking for.

There are now more inventive sexy ways to get in shape and add a little fun to relationships.

Carmen Electra has a series of workout DVDs, titled *Carmen Electra's Aerobic Striptease*, featuring calorie burning and muscle toning workouts while also teaching you moves to spice up your love life.

Electra's DVDs include "in the bedroom," "Vegas strip," "the lap dance" and "pole dancing." They can be found in fitness sections at any movie store.

*Flirty Girl Fitness* is also a trendy way for ladies to get in shape. This fitness series is a body makeover system that takes the worlds sexiest dance moves from music videos, club dancing and even exotic dancing and turns them into daily workouts to get you into shape.

This series can also come with meal plans and eating tips and can be used at home or in various Flirty Girl Fitness studios in the United States.

No matter what you decide to do for the warm weather, be safe. Stay hydrated and eat well, never crash diet or over work yourself. Balanced diet and exercise are important to gain a health physique.

There are many other ways to get in shape, visit the Gentry Center Complex and take advantage of the many classes offered. The Gentry center also includes a full weight room and cardio for your exercise needs. •

## Cooper dismisses four players

By Jessica Moseley  
SPORTS EDITOR

Tigers basketball Head Coach John Cooper dismissed four team members Tuesday, Feb. 2 for repeated violations of team rules.

Josh Sain junior guard, Darius Cox junior forward, all-OVC selection and former top scorer, Hamilton Nash junior forward and Erik Pegureo junior guard were of the players dismissed.

"This wasn't the first offense for any of these guys," Cooper said. "We had laid out the groundwork and everyone on the team knew where we were."

The future of the team is now left in the hands of the nine remaining players, including Jacquan Nobles, who is now TSU's leading scorer. Nobles averages 10.7 points per game.

"Its going to be tough on us losing those guys, said Nobles, a freshman guard from Greenville, N.C. " We are going to have to be a

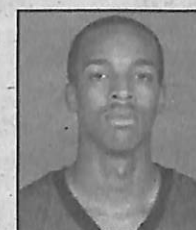
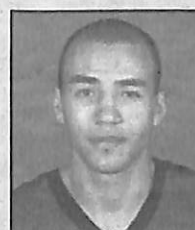


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Tiger head basketball coach dismissed four players from the team, including Josh Sain, Darius Cox, Hamilton Nash and Erik Peguero.

smarter team and prepared, even if it means playing more minutes."

Sain, who was averaging 13.7 points per game, ranked 10th in the OVC, and led the Tigers with 26 steals. He was named the conference's Newcomer of the Week four times.

Sain had also been removed from the basketball team at MTSU for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

Cox started in 10 games this season and 52 in his career. Cox averaged 7.5 points a game.

Nash came to TSU from Redlands Community College, starting in eight games and averaged 1.5 points per game.

Peguero transferred from Colby Community College and started in two games. He averaged 2.9 points per game.

The Tigers dropped their first short-handed game against Murray State on Feb. 4 at the Regional Special events center. The Tigers' losing streak is the longest since the 2006-07 season, when they lost seven consecutive games. •

## Lady Tigers prepare for new season

By Jessica Moseley  
SPORTS EDITOR

The TSU Tigers softball Head coach Joyce Maudie announced the spring season will open with the Inaugural Tiger Classic Saturday, Feb. 27. The Tigers will be hosting Indiana State, Alabama A & M and Valparaiso in the two day event.

In addition to the 13 returning players, the Tigers welcome four new recruits.

"With the new recruits, and the return of some important players, this season looks to be very promising," Maudie said.

The recruits include Stephanie Fougerousse from Switz City, Ind., Olivia Gomache from Exeter, R.I., Ashley Haynes from

Knoxville and Aisha Walker from Hendersonville, Tenn.

The OVC released softball predictions for the 2010 season and TSU was predicted to finish ninth place in a pole voted on by the league's head coaches.

"The Tigers (softball team) work extremely hard," said Marie Black, a studio art major from Indianapolis, Ind. "They have great work ethic and are one of the better teams here at TSU that includes both conditioning and school work. I think they're one of the better teams here at TSU."

Last season, the Tigers finished eighth with an overall record of 18-31 and an 8-15 conference mark. TSU returns with 13 letter winners from the 2009 team, including three all-OVC selections Caitlin Eaton,

Bridget Metzger and Brittany Webb.

Eaton, first team selection, led the Tigers in hits, homeruns, RBI's, batting average, on base percentage, walks, slugging percentage and total bases.

Metzger had the second best hitting percentage and led the team with 28 runs. Webb turned in seven multi-RBI games and ten muti-hit games last season.

The Tigers will be participating in the Tiny Laster HBC Tournament, Feb. 13-14 in Conyers, Ga. Other school participating include; South Carolina State, Hampton, Florida A&M and Norfolk State.

"This season looks to be even better than the last," Black said. "They are always improving season after season." •





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Thursday, February 18, 2010

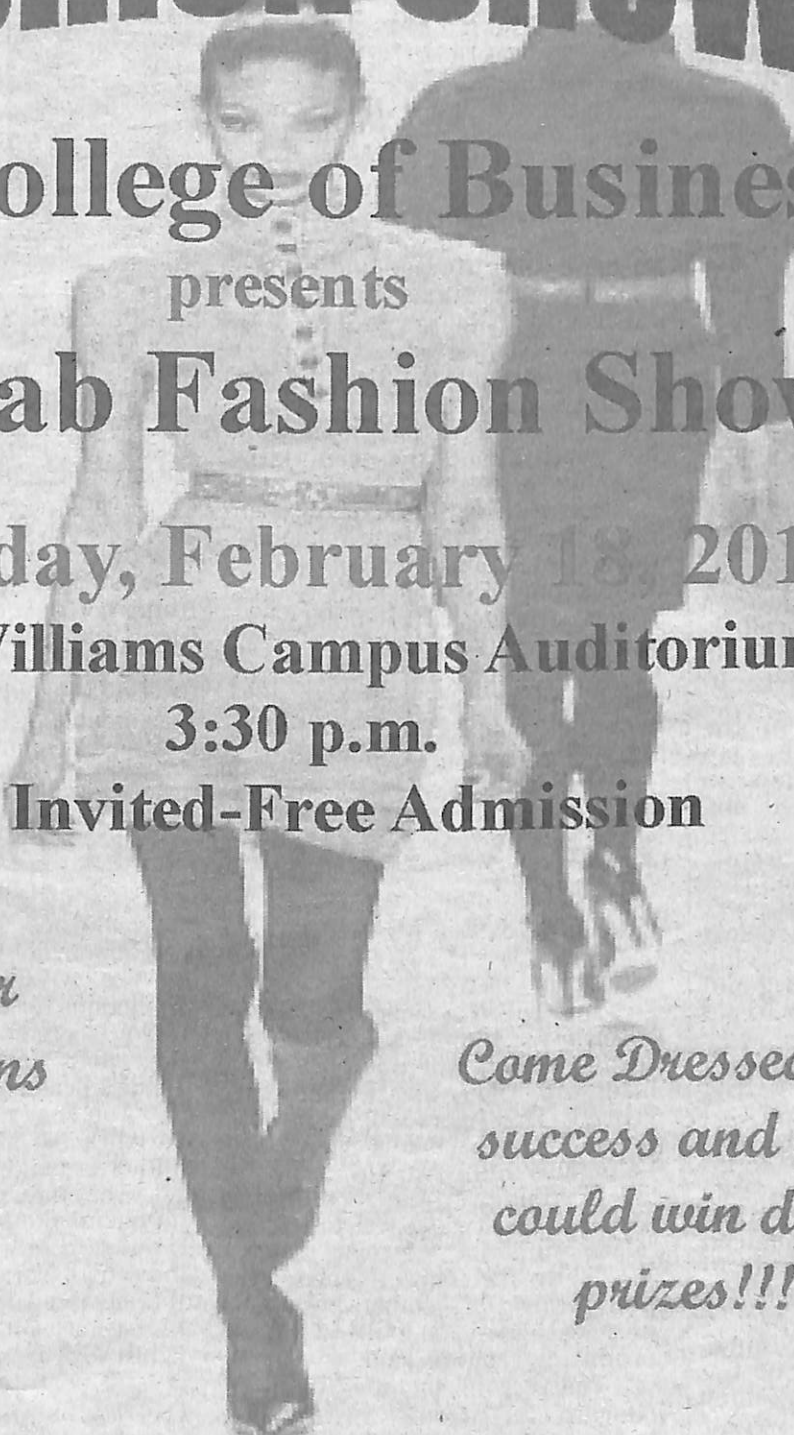
Avon Williams Campus Auditorium

3:30 p.m.

All Invited-Free Admission

*Dressing for  
Success Begins  
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To: DOMINIQUE GARRET

I love you my darling & everything about you. God has truly blessed me by sending you to me. Since we met, you're all I think about. Your best feature is the sparkle in your precious eyes, and the beauty of thy moments. Be mine my diamond unique. I love you darling.

Love, WESLEY MAGEE

TO: ANONYMOUS

I'm glad we met. You are the coolest, nicest, and most beautiful woman I've met here. Keep up the good work.

LOVE, MICHAEL MARSHALL

TO: RECHELLE JACKSON

I love you.

LOVE, VICTOR HOGUE

To all my lovely ladies of Tennessee State University...Have a happy valentines day.

LOVE, RYAN ECHOLS

I love my brother Ryan Holford who is single and looking for sugar-mama with money to blow on him and his horrible addiction to shoes and socks.

LOVE, IVY STEPHENS

TO: ANONYMOUS

When I first saw you I was like OMG. But one day I may say something to you.

LOVE, ANONYMOUS

TO:SHACKOYA

Three dollars for twenty words, you're worth every dime; and this is truly divine because this is our third valentine.

LOVE, JARVIS

I luv the AKA's especially the one that works at the METER.

LOVE, ANONYMOUS

TO: LASHELLE

Happy Valentines Day!

LOVE, JEFF

TO: TARA

I'm in love with a Delta named Tara. She Halle Berry Fine.

LOVE, COREY JONES



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